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131ST MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 16, 2023
10:00 A.M.
REVISED AGENDA

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
November 9, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jackson called the November 9, 2023 meeting of the 131st Legislative Council to order at 12:12 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart, and Senator Keim

Representatives: Speaker Talbot Ross (via Zoom), Representative Terry (via Zoom), Representative Cloutier, and Representative Arata

Absent: Representative Faulkingham

Legislative Officers: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Rob Hunt, Clerk of the House
Ed Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology

President Jackson convened the meeting at 12:12 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

President Jackson announced his intention to take items out of order, and hearing no objection, moved to New Business, Item 3.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3: Procedures for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests and Consideration of Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session.

Ms. Gresser reviewed the procedures for the review of Legislative Bill Requests and the proposed protocol for deciding those requests.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves the proposed protocol for deciding Legislative Bill Requests. Motion by Sen. Stewart. Second by Sen. Daughtry **Motion passed unanimously (9-0-0-1**, with Representative Faulkingham absent).

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on two hundred eighty three (283) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized fifty-eight (58) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session. Nine (9) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsors prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

President Jackson then returned to the printed agenda.

SUMMARY OF JUNE 30, 2023 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for June 30, 2023 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Senator Vitelli. **Motion passed unanimously (9-0-0-1**, with Representative Faulkingham absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Fiscal Report

President Jackson drew the Legislative Council's attention in the Council's meeting materials to the written fiscal report prepared by Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review.

Studies Report

President Jackson drew the Legislative Council's attention in the Council's meeting materials to the studies report prepared by Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

President Jackson reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, July 27, 2023, to consider the following matters:

1. Restructuring of the Legislative Information Technology Office

The committee resumed its review of the Legislative Information Technology Office (LIT) staffing and restructuring proposal developed to address the Legislature's increased needs for information technology resources and support, which was initially presented to the committee at its March 8, 2023 meeting. The Personnel Committee members noted that the Legislature's reliance on information technology resources and support has significantly increased as the Legislature moves to improve the efficiency of internal operations, enhance member and staff access to information, facilitate the production of and access to legislative documents, and enhance public access to,

transparency of, and participation in the legislative process. The committee approved the plan as proposed and voted to recommend approval of the proposal to the full Legislative Council. The Legislative Council has since approved by ballot the LIT staffing and restructuring proposal, so no additional Legislative Council action is required.

2. Planning for the 2024 Harassment Prevention Training

The committee reviewed options for harassment prevention training for the upcoming legislative session. The committee endorsed the plan of holding lengthier, introductory trainings during the First Regular Session; and during the Second Regular Session, holding a large group review of the basic information, paired with optional small trainings for legislators, staff and lobbyists who wished to discuss topics in more depth in small group settings. The committee approved conducting an onsite training for legislators in the House Chamber, ideally on the first day of the Second Regular Session, and asked the Executive Director and the Clerk of the House to work together on details. No Legislative Council action is required.

3. Employee Request to Transfer Sick Leave to Another Employee

The committee reviewed an employee's request to transfer sick leave to a sick employee in the same office. Committee members noted that the Executive Branch has a policy that allows, on a case-by-case basis, for the establishment of a catastrophic leave bank to benefit an employee that suffers a catastrophic accident or illness, and that the Legislature has such a policy in the past. The committee asked the Executive Director to research the circumstances that led to the elimination of the Legislature's policy. The committee supported the employee's request and voted to recommend approval of the request to the full Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council has since approved by ballot this employee's request to transfer sick leave to another employee, so no additional Council action is required.

4. Performance Evaluations

The committee reviewed the performances of:

- Nik Rende, Director of the Office of Legislative Information Technology; and
- Peter Schleck, Director of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability.

The Personnel Committee voted unanimously to approve a step increase for Mr. Rende and Mr. Schleck. No Legislative Council action is required.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: **That the Legislative Council accept the funds contributed for the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in**

Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities, and upon completion of appointments to the commission, authorize the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Convene.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross
Date: September 28, 2023
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: In accordance with the unanimous recommendations of the Personnel Committee, that the Legislative Council establish legislative position count in the Legislative Information Technology Office for one Information Security Administrator, one Virtual Meeting Administrator, two Senior Program Analysts and one session-only Desktop Support Administrator, and reclassify one Programmer Analyst position to one Chamber System Administrator position. And Further, the Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to establish the positions by financial order, to be self-funded from available balances in FY 24 and FY 25, and to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor's next supplemental budget bill.

Motion by: President Troy Jackson
Date: October 13, 2023
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

Motion: That, because a majority of the appointments have been made to the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine, in accordance Resolves 2023, chapter 93, the Legislative Council authorizes the Commission to convene.

Motion by: President Troy Jackson
Date: October 16, 2023
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the request presented to the Personnel Committee on July 27, 2023 from a Legislative staff member to transfer sick leave from that staff member to another employee within that same office, notwithstanding any policy to the contrary.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross
Date: October 16, 2023
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

Motion: That, because a majority of the appointments have been made to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities, in accordance Resolves 2023, chapter 100, the Legislative Council authorizes the Blue Ribbon Commission to convene.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross
Date: October 4, 2023
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

Motion: That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross
Date: October 20, 2023
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 131st Legislature, Second Regular Session

Ms. Gresser presented the proposed Document Service fee schedule submitted by Clerk of the House, Robert Hunt, for the Second Regular Session. The fees remain the same as the First Regular Session.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for the 131st Legislature Second Regular Session. Motion by Senator Vitelli. Second by Senator Daughtry. **Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2**, with Senator Stewart and Representative Faulkingham absent).

Item #2: Legislative Council meeting schedule for 2023

Ms. Gresser reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Legislative Council for 2023, and suggested removing the December 2024 date, as it will follow the convening of a new Legislature..

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the 2023 Legislative Council meeting schedule, with the removal of the entry for December 2024. Motion by Senator Keim. Second by Senator Vitelli. **Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2**, with Senator Stewart and Representative Faulkingham absent)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Senator Keim asked the chair about the process for considering bill requests filed after the established cloture deadline. President Jackson responded that his general preference is that after-deadline bill requests be taken up at Legislative Council meetings, but that occasionally timing concerns result in requests to the Presiding Officers to authorize the circulation of a ballot.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

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		Action
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY		
LR 2651	Representative Matlack of St. George Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier	FAILED
LR 2721	Representative Light Lookner of Portland Resolve, to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess the Feasibility of Making Fort Gorges a State Park	FAILED
LR 2724	Representative Doudera of Camden An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies Rates by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators	FAILED
LR 2781	Representative Paul of Winterport An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport	FAILED
LR 2814	Senator Bailey of York An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Municipal Kennels by Changing the Licensing Body of Municipal Kennel Licenses from the Municipality to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	FAILED
LR 2837	Representative Hall of Wilton An Act Regarding the Maine Milk Commission's Fees and Pricing	FAILED
LR 2853	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Increase Milk Tier Reimbursements for Organic Dairy Farmers	FAILED
LR 2930	Senator Bennett of Oxford An Act to Improve Maine's Pesticide Use Disclosure Laws	FAILED
LR 2935	Representative Sheehan of Biddeford An Act to Establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team	FAILED
LR 2943	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment	FAILED
LR 2951	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Protect Natural Forestry Habitat by Preventing Clear-cutting on Certain Public Lands in Allagash	FAILED

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY		
LR 2960	Senator Ingwersen of York An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food	FAILED
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2635	Senator Daughtry of Cumberland An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure Improvements at the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority	FAILED
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2621	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act to Establish a Civil Rights Unit Within the Office of the Attorney General and Provide for Public Education on Issues Regarding Hate and Bias	PASSED
LR 2670	Representative Milliken of Blue Hill An Act to Provide Tablet Devices for Juveniles at the Long Creek Youth Development Center	FAILED
LR 2729	Representative Campbell of Orrington An Act Regarding the Equitable Reimbursement of Training Costs for Newly Trained Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Who Change Governmental Employers	FAILED
LR 2773	Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin An Act to Reinstate State Police Rural Patrol Services	FAILED
LR 2786	Representative Geiger of Rockland An Act to Implement Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Testing Reform	PASSED
LR 2801	Representative Doudera of Camden An Act Relating to Preventing Suicide by Permitting the Voluntary Waiver of Firearms Rights	PASSED
LR 2831	Senator Carney of Cumberland An Act to Ensure the Safe Disposition of Forfeited Firearms	PASSED
LR 2835	Representative Fay of Raymond An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for Certain Dogs	PASSED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2838	Representative Malon, II of Biddeford An Act to Require Information on Domestic Terrorism to Be Included in the Department of Public Safety's Annual Report and Add Minimum Training Standards on Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes to the Standards Established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Law Enforcement Agencies	FAILED
LR 2840	Senator Harrington of York An Act to Fill All Vacant Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board	FAILED
LR 2857	Representative Shaw of Auburn An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	PASSED
LR 2868	Representative Roeder of Bangor An Act to Support Adequate Staffing in Fire Departments Through Grants	FAILED
LR 2876	Representative Roeder of Bangor An Act to Offset the Cost to Public Agencies and to Municipalities for Training New Emergency Medical Services Personnel	FAILED
LR 2878	Senator Moore of Washington An Act to Provide Funding for Dispatchers at the Washington County Regional Communications Center	FAILED
LR 2883	Senator Moore of Washington An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Washington County Sheriff's Office	FAILED
LR 2905	Representative Salisbury of Westbrook An Act Regarding the Authority to Transport Prisoners Confined in Jail and the Use of Physical Force with Respect to Prisoners and Persons Who Have Been Arrested	FAILED
LR 2906	President Jackson of Aroostook Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Professionals	PASSED
LR 2907	Representative Hasenfus of Readfield An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose	PASSED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2908	Senator Carney of Cumberland An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes	FAILED
LR 2920	Representative Stover of Boothbay An Act to Create a Victim Advocate for Victims and Survivors of Operating Under the Influence Crashes	FAILED
LR 2939	Representative O'Connell of Brewer Resolve, to Review Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution of Those Occurrences	PASSED
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2610	Senator Pouliot of Kennebec An Act Regarding the Carrying Forward of School Administrative Unit Fund Balances	FAILED
LR 2616	Representative Underwood of Presque Isle An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing	FAILED
LR 2631	Senator Farrin of Somerset An Act to Require Fentanyl Use Prevention Education and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12	PASSED
LR 2683	Senator Bennett of Oxford An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings	FAILED
LR 2710	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act to Help Public Schools Affected by Disasters to Apply for State Construction Funding and to Establish an Emergency School Construction Fund	FAILED
LR 2735	Senator Stewart of Aroostook An Act to Align Background Checks Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services	PASSED
LR 2751	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Provide Funding Through the School Funding Formula to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	PASSED
LR 2791	Representative Millett of Cape Elizabeth	FAILED

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
	An Act to Establish a Pilot Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	
LR 2799	Representative Paul of Winterport An Act to Require the Return of School Budget Surplus Funds to Their Respective Municipalities	FAILED
LR 2800	Senator Grohoski of Hancock An Act to Equalize Funding for the Maine Maritime Academy	FAILED
LR 2827	Representative Kuhn of Falmouth An Act to Provide Education and Training to School Personnel to Recognize and Treat Seizures	FAILED
LR 2861	Senator Ingwersen of York An Act to Lower the Minimum Age Requirement for the Maine High School Equivalency Diploma	FAILED
LR 2889	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act to Fund the Delivery of Educational Services to Children with Special Needs as Required by State and Federal Law in Special Purpose Private Schools	FAILED
LR 2901	Representative Walker of Naples An Act to Provide Statewide Equity in Public Education	FAILED
LR 2918	Representative Bagshaw of Windham An Act to Remove the Enrollment Cap on Maine's Virtual Charter Schools	FAILED
LR 2947	Representative Collamore of Pittsfield An Act to Allow Equitable Access to College Tuition Funds by Reallocating Funds from the Free Community College Program to the Maine State Grant Program	FAILED
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
LR 2609	Senator Curry of Waldo An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	FAILED
LR 2637	Representative Cyrway of Albion	FAILED

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
	An Act Relating to Eminent Domain for Land for Electric Transmission Lines	
LR 2649	Representative Zeigler of Montville An Act to Increase the Number of Commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission	PASSED
LR 2654	Senator Beebe-Center of Knox An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act	FAILED
LR 2675	Representative Reckitt of South Portland An Act to Establish Protections to Prevent Children from Accessing Pornography	WITHDRAWN
LR 2677	Senator Lawrence of York An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Public Advocate in Developing and Advocating for Legislation	FAILED
LR 2719	Representative Cyrway of Albion An Act to Consider Alternative Transmission Technology for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway That Improves Socioeconomic Benefit Without Sacrificing Climate Change Initiatives	FAILED
LR 2740	Representative Campbell of Orrington An Act to Prohibit the Use of Caller Identification Spoofing	FAILED
LR 2743	Representative Smith of Palermo Resolve, Requiring a Transparent Public Hearing Regarding the Finalized Route of the Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure	FAILED
LR 2755	Representative Runte, Jr. of York An Act to Enhance Electric Utility Performance-based Ratemaking	FAILED
LR 2780	Representative Foster of Dexter An Act to Continue Arrearage Management Program Availability for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers	PASSED
LR 2783	Representative Foster of Dexter Resolve, to Reconsider Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	FAILED
LR 2787	Representative Geiger of Rockland	FAILED

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	An Act to Establish Solar-ready New Construction Requirements	
LR 2834	Representative Riseman of Harrison An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act	FAILED
LR 2844	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Require Feasibility Studies for Energy Transmission Projects	WITHDRAWN
LR 2855	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Expand the Availability of Heat Pump Rebates in Certain Areas of the State	PASSED
LR 2863	Senator Grohoski of Hancock An Act Regarding Fair Service for All Electricity Supply Customers	FAILED
LR 2864	Representative Arford of Brunswick An Act to Enhance Transparency and Informed Decision Making for Subscribers of Maine Community Solar Farms	FAILED
LR 2865	Senator Grohoski of Hancock An Act to Ensure That Community Solar Subscriptions Benefit Low-income Customers	FAILED
LR 2866	Representative Zeigler of Montville An Act to Align Maine Law Regarding Energy Portfolios with Those of the New England Independent System Operator	FAILED
LR 2873	Representative Strout of Harrington Resolve, to Protect Maine's Right to Energy Independence by Requiring the State to Bid on Lobster Management Area 1	FAILED
LR 2896	Senator Reny of Lincoln An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District	PASSED
LR 2897	Representative Geiger of Rockland An Act to Enhance Regulatory Decision Making Regarding Energy	FAILED
LR 2914	Senator Keim of Oxford Resolve, to Require Legislative Approval of Increased Costs to Ratepayers of the Transmission Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	FAILED

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
LR 2915	Senator Keim of Oxford An Act to Prohibit the Use of Eminent Domain to Take Land Needed for Any Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	WITHDRAWN
LR 2924	Representative Foster of Dexter An Act Regarding Energy Infrastructure Development	FAILED
LR 2953	Senator LaFountain of Kennebec An Act to Protect Maine Landowners by Requiring the Examination of Alternative Pathways for Energy Transmission Lines	FAILED
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
LR 2634	Representative Craven of Lewiston An Act to Reclassify a Section of the Androscoggin River to Class B	FAILED
LR 2686	Representative Soboleski of Phillips An Act Regarding the Disposal of Wind Turbine Blades	FAILED
LR 2715	Representative Dunphy of Embden An Act to Authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to Issue Stop-work Orders	FAILED
LR 2798	Representative Dill of Old Town An Act Regarding Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services	PASSED
LR 2826	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Protect Maine's Supply Chain and Consumers by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking for Certain Emissions Standards	FAILED
LR 2839	Representative Hepler of Woolwich An Act Regarding Responsibility for Actions Intended to Increase the Use of Reusable and Refillable Beverage Containers	FAILED
LR 2849	Representative Bell of Yarmouth An Act to Strengthen Storm Water Infrastructure	FAILED
LR 2867	Senator Grohoski of Hancock An Act to Allow the Reuse of Food Containers by More than One Customer	FAILED
LR 2898	Senator Nangle of Cumberland	FAILED

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
	An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund	
LR 2899	Senator Nangle of Cumberland An Act Regarding Municipal Shoreland Zoning Enforcement	PASSED
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2611	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act to Restore Access to the MaineCare Program for Certain Residents	FAILED
LR 2625	Senator Libby of Cumberland An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome	FAILED
LR 2630	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Strengthen Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Standards by Establishing a Family Advocacy Program for Military Families	FAILED
LR 2632	Representative Craven of Lewiston An Act to Create an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator Position Within the Department of Health and Human Services	FAILED
LR 2633	Representative Craven of Lewiston An Act to Establish a Dementia Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Types of Dementia	PASSED
LR 2656	Representative Fredericks of Sanford Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to Reestablish a One-to-one Syringe Exchange Requirement	FAILED
LR 2671	Representative Milliken of Blue Hill An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage to All Residents of County Jails and Their Dependents	FAILED
LR 2673	Representative Mathieson of Kittery An Act Regarding Continuance of MaineCare Coverage for up to 12 Months for Juveniles Detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center	FAILED
LR 2674	Representative Mathieson of Kittery An Act to Create an Independent Child Advocate Ombudsman Service	FAILED
LR 2687	Representative Simmons of Waldoboro	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
	An Act to Require Drug Testing of Clients of Drug Treatment Facilities	
LR 2711	Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act to Create and Support a Youth Crisis Receiving Center	FAILED
LR 2714	Representative Mastraccio of Sanford An Act to Support Shelters for the Unhoused	FAILED
LR 2730	Senator Baldacci of Penobscot An Act to Provide Dental Managed Care	FAILED
LR 2738	Representative Madigan of Waterville An Act to Equalize MaineCare Members' Health Care Rights Regarding Transportation	FAILED
LR 2753	Representative Craven of Lewiston An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records	PASSED
LR 2754	Representative Kuhn of Falmouth An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products Through Vending Machines	WITHDRAWN
LR 2767	Representative Madigan of Waterville An Act to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters	FAILED
LR 2782	Representative Cloutier of Lewiston An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services to Cease Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Unless Mandated by the Federal Government	PASSED
LR 2789	Representative Perry of Calais An Act to Protect Health Care Workers from HIV	PASSED
LR 2820	Senator Daughtry of Cumberland An Act to Strengthen Long-term Care for the People of Maine by Ensuring Adequate Nursing Personnel	FAILED
LR 2825	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Ensure Sustainable Reimbursement for Child Care Providers and to Support the Expansion of Child Care Services	PASSED
LR 2845	Senator Bennett of Oxford	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
	An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service and Housing Providers	
LR 2847	Representative Dhalac of South Portland An Act to Improve Equity in Health Care Access by Reimbursing Community Health Workers Through MaineCare	FAILED
LR 2854	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Make Background Checks Efficient and Consistent for All Child Care Workers	WITHDRAWN
LR 2860	Senator Brenner of Cumberland Resolve, to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State	FAILED
LR 2870	Representative Roeder of Bangor An Act to Increase Oversight by the Department of Health and Human Services over Benefits Owed to Foster Children	PASSED
LR 2879	Representative Light Lookner of Portland An Act to Establish Sanctioned Areas for Emergency Encampments in Certain Municipalities	FAILED
LR 2910	Senator Rotundo of Androscoggin An Act to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Nearby Communities	PASSED
LR 2911	Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Welfare System	FAILED
LR 2913	Senator Keim of Oxford Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Crisis in the Offices of Regional Child Protective Services	FAILED
LR 2916	Senator LaFountain of Kennebec An Act to Establish a Mobile Geropsychiatric Team Pilot Project	FAILED
LR 2917	Representative Moonen of Portland An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools	PASSED
LR 2927	Senator Bennett of Oxford An Act to Ensure Compliance by the Department of Health and Human Services with Federal Rules and Regulations	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2928	Senator Beebe-Center of Knox An Act to Provide That Persons with Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injuries Are Subject to the Same Eligibility Standards for Certain Medical Programs	FAILED
LR 2932	Representative Light Lookner of Portland An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Enforcing Moratoria on Emergency Shelters	FAILED
LR 2940	Representative Rana of Bangor An Act to Prohibit Clearing of Unhoused Encampments Without Providing Proper Housing Options	FAILED
LR 2941	Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach An Act to Support Clinicians in Adverse Childhood Experience and Resiliency Assessments	FAILED
LR 2967	Representative Rana of Bangor An Act to Prohibit Clearing Encampments of Unhoused Individuals	FAILED
HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2612	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Improve Access to Over-the-counter Contraceptives	FAILED
LR 2646	Senator Baldacci of Penobscot An Act Authorizing Granting Limited Provisional Licenses to Medical School Graduates	FAILED
LR 2676	Representative Milliken of Blue Hill An Act to Mitigate Some of the Risk Involved in Long-term House Rentals	FAILED
LR 2722	Representative Cloutier of Lewiston An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	PASSED
LR 2756	Representative Arford of Brunswick An Act to Expand Access to Federally Approved Over-the-counter Contraceptives	WITHDRAWN
LR 2771	Senator Baldacci of Penobscot An Act to Create an Affordable Public Health Insurance Option	FAILED

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2790	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Improve Patient Access and Savings from Generic and Biosimilar Prescription Drugs	PASSED
LR 2794	Senator Hickman of Kennebec An Act to Protect Residents of the State from Unfair Use of Credit Scores in Insurance Pricing	PASSED
LR 2795	Senator Tipping of Penobscot An Act to Require Hospitals to Engage in Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt	PASSED
LR 2796	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Protect Patients from Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers	PASSED
LR 2797	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Medication in Underserved Areas	PASSED
LR 2836	Representative Perry of Calais An Act to Prohibit Property and Casualty Insurance Companies Licensed in This State from Denying Policyholders in This State Insurance on Their Residences in This State Because of a Loss Sustained to a 2nd Home Located in Another State	PASSED
LR 2850	Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Payroll Processors	FAILED
LR 2872	Representative Perry of Calais An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies from Covering Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2874	Representative Crafts of Newcastle An Act to Enact the Interstate Counseling Compact to Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce	PASSED
LR 2880	Representative Morris of Turner An Act to Join the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	FAILED
LR 2881	Representative Morris of Turner An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact	PASSED

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2884	Representative Morris of Turner An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Provide Coverage for Towing and Storing Certain Motor Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2904	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Ensure Access to Non-opioid Medication for Pain Relief	FAILED
LR 2948	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown	PASSED
LR 2961	Representative Perry of Bangor An Act Concerning Health Care Cost Fairness Relating to Pharmacy Benefits Managers	FAILED
LR 2965	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act to Improve Maine Residents' Oral Health by Strengthening the Dental Hygienist Workforce	FAILED
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE		
LR 2619	Senator Black of Franklin An Act to Allow the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Locate Wounded or Deceased Wildlife	FAILED
LR 2623	Representative Boyer, Jr. of Poland An Act to Designate the Landlocked Atlantic Salmon as a State Heritage Fish	FAILED
LR 2647	Senator Lawrence of York An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Reimburse Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program for Gas Expenses	FAILED
LR 2672	Representative Landry of Farmington An Act to Provide Additional Moose Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses	PASSED
LR 2816	Senator Black of Franklin An Act Regarding the Issuance of Permits to Hunt Bear Using Bait on State Land	FAILED
LR 2933	Representative Hasenfus of Readfield	PASSED

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An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Maine Lakes

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2636	Senator Stewart of Aroostook An Act to Establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Country of Ireland	PASSED
LR 2716	Representative Ankeles of Brunswick An Act Regarding the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund	FAILED
LR 2744	Representative Doudera of Camden An Act to Require Continuing Education for Maine Architects	FAILED
LR 2746	Senator Daughtry of Cumberland An Act to Protect Consumers by Requiring Vendors to Disclose All Fees Related to Purchasing a Concert Ticket	FAILED
LR 2818	Representative Perry of Calais An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act	FAILED
LR 2858	Senator Curry of Waldo An Act to Provide Additional Funds to Increase the Impact of the Maine Development Foundation	FAILED
LR 2919	President Jackson of Aroostook Resolve, to Provide Additional Options for Plumbing Inspections in the Unorganized Territory	FAILED
LR 2931	Representative Kuhn of Falmouth Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence	FAILED
LR 2949	Representative Collamore of Pittsfield An Act to Utilize Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce	FAILED

JUDICIARY

LR 2615	Representative Smith of Palermo An Act to Restrict the Sale or Transfer of Fetal Remains	FAILED
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JUDICIARY		
LR 2620	Senator Pouliot of Kennebec An Act to Change the Statute of Limitations for a Wrongful Death Action	FAILED
LR 2641	Senator Chipman of Cumberland An Act Regarding the Fees Charged for Keeping Pets	FAILED
LR 2648	Senator Stewart of Aroostook An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction in Juvenile Matters with the United States Department of Defense	FAILED
LR 2650	Representative Light Lookner of Portland An Act to Prevent Homelessness During Repairs for Breach of the Covenant of Habitability	FAILED
LR 2708	Senator Carney of Cumberland An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client E-mail Communications for Residents of Jails and Correctional Facilities	PASSED
LR 2717	Representative Ankeles of Brunswick An Act to Protect Distressed Mortgage Holders from Fraud	FAILED
LR 2731	Representative Hymes of Waldo An Act to Ensure Just Compensation When Eminent Domain Is Declared	FAILED
LR 2747	Representative Cray of Palmyra An Act Regarding the Detention of Juveniles	FAILED
LR 2774	Representative Andrews of Paris An Act to Provide Certainty in Interpretation of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act for Maine Tribes	FAILED
LR 2792	Representative Poirier of Skowhegan An Act to Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Tribe of Malecites	FAILED
LR 2809	Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act to Allow Maine Tribes to Benefit from Federal Laws	FAILED
LR 2810	Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor An Act to Remove the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault, Child Molestation and Felony Sex Crimes	FAILED

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JUDICIARY		
LR 2817	Senator Black of Franklin An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts	FAILED
LR 2832	Senator Carney of Cumberland An Act to Support Maine's Public Safety Response to Domestic Violence and Stalking	FAILED
LR 2925	Representative Sayre of Kennebunk An Act to Permit Maine Citizens to Prohibit Data Brokers from Holding or Selling Their Personal Data	FAILED
LR 2936	Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of Juvenile Diversion Programs	FAILED
LR 2957	Senator Rafferty of York An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence	PASSED
LR 2958	Senator Chipman of Cumberland An Act to Address Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness	FAILED
LR 2959	Senator Carney of Cumberland An Act to Advance Equality for Wabanaki Nations	FAILED
LR 2964	Representative Collamore of Pittsfield An Act to Ensure Closure in Divorce Proceedings in Certain Cases	FAILED
LABOR AND HOUSING		
LR 2617	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act to Enact a Farm Worker Bill of Rights	PASSED
LR 2644	Representative Drinkwater of Milford An Act to Pay Agricultural Workers the State Minimum Wage	FAILED
LR 2645	Representative Light Lookner of Portland An Act to Update Child Labor Laws to Allow Individuals Who Appeared in Monetized Online Videos as Minors to Seek Deletion of Content and to Require Trust Accounts to Be Established for Such Minors	FAILED
LR 2752	Senator Daughtry of Cumberland An Act to Create Workforce Housing to Promote Economic Development in Maine	FAILED

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LABOR AND HOUSING		
LR 2769	Representative Lemelin of Chelsea An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Earned Paid Leave	FAILED
LR 2784	Representative Geiger of Rockland An Act to Change the Minimum Wage to a Living Wage	FAILED
LR 2803	Senator Pouliot of Kennebec An Act to Increase Housing Options in Maine	FAILED
LR 2813	Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor An Act to Encourage Business Growth and Improve Employment Benefits by Implementing a Voluntary Paid Medical Leave Program	FAILED
LR 2823	Representative Malon, II of Biddeford An Act to Ensure That Manufactured Housing May Be Built on Lots Where Single-family Dwellings Are Allowed	FAILED
LR 2851	Senator Grohoski of Hancock An Act to Improve Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters	FAILED
LR 2869	Representative Roeder of Bangor An Act to Strengthen Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Rights	PASSED
LR 2871	Representative Crafts of Newcastle An Act to Create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority	FAILED
LR 2891	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act to Include Farm Workers in the Laws Establishing Minimum Wage Rates and Overtime Restrictions	WITHDRAWN
LR 2892	Representative Landry of Farmington An Act to Exclude Seasonal Volunteer Ski Patrollers and Seasonal Volunteer Ski Ambassadors and Hosts at Ski Areas from the Minimum Wage Laws	PASSED
LR 2912	Senator Tipping of Penobscot An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Collective Bargaining Elections for Certain Public Employees	PASSED
LR 2921	Senator Chipman of Cumberland An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	FAILED

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		Action
LABOR AND HOUSING		
LR 2937	Representative Greenwood of Wales An Act to Create Equity Between Certain Members of the Judicial Branch and the Executive Branch Regarding Maine State Retirement	FAILED
LR 2938	Representative Golek of Harpswell An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System	FAILED
LR 2946	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act to Create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice	WITHDRAWN
LR 2956	Senator Carney of Cumberland An Act to Enhance Employer and Employee Harmony on Certain State-assisted Projects	FAILED
LR 2962	Senator Tipping of Penobscot An Act to Assist First-time Home Buyers by Increasing Assistance Available from the Maine State Housing Authority	FAILED
LR 2966	Senator Nangle of Cumberland An Act to Remove Barriers to Heating Assistance for Low-income and Moderate-income Maine Residents	FAILED
MARINE RESOURCES		
LR 2785	Senator Moore of Washington An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses	PASSED
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2640	Representative Hepler of Woolwich An Act to Repeal the Law Relating to Payments from the Town of Georgetown for MacMahan Island	FAILED
LR 2642	Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin An Act to Eliminate State Agency Review of Program Evaluation Reports Prior to Release of Reports to the Government Oversight Committee	FAILED
LR 2643	Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin An Act to Repeal the Law Requiring Initiation of Agency Routine Technical Rule-making Proceedings upon Receipt of a Petition of 150 Voters	FAILED
LR 2655	Senator Beebe-Center of Knox	FAILED

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
	An Act to Eliminate Certain Reporting Requirements for Special Districts	
LR 2669	Representative Sachs of Freeport Resolve, to Add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission	FAILED
LR 2685	Representative Soboleski of Phillips An Act to Move Patriot's Day to Election Day	FAILED
LR 2727	Senator Daughtry of Cumberland Resolve, to Initiate the Procedures to Request the United States Congress's Joint Committee on the Library to Replace 2 Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection	FAILED
LR 2733	Representative Montell of Gardiner Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to Improve the Health of Persons Working in or Visiting the State House by Increasing the Building's Air Exchange Rate to 20 Percent	FAILED
LR 2734	Representative Montell of Gardiner Resolve, to Protect Legislators, Legislative Workers and the Public from Exposure to Harmful Substances	FAILED
LR 2737	Representative Madigan of Waterville An Act to Require Compensation for Persons with Lived Experience Participating in Legislative and State Studies and Commissions	FAILED
LR 2739	Representative Madigan of Waterville An Act to Require Health Care and Substance Use Disorder Legislation to Be Supported by Relevant Data and Analysis	FAILED
LR 2742	Representative Davis, Jr. of East Machias Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Conduct an Environmental Assessment of Certain Real Property in Machiasport	FAILED
LR 2745	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland Resolve, to Increase Participation in the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission	WITHDRAWN
LR 2793	Representative Andrews of Paris An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Harassment Training	PASSED

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2828	Representative Walker of Naples An Act to Assist Municipalities to Maintain Safe Public Ways	FAILED
LR 2843	Representative Riseman of Harrison An Act to Repeal Reporting Requirements for Special Districts Regarding Outstanding Debt	FAILED
LR 2882	Senator Grohoski of Hancock An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence	FAILED
LR 2887	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Improve Public Sector Workers' Rights	FAILED
LR 2890	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Positions	FAILED
LR 2942	Representative Rana of Bangor An Act to Standardize Municipal Public Health Policies	FAILED
LR 2955	Representative Greenwood of Wales An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under Article V of the United States Constitution	FAILED
TAXATION		
LR 2622	Senator Libby of Cumberland An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Certain Recreational Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2653	Senator Reny of Lincoln An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Air Pollution Control Facilities	PASSED
LR 2694	Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin An Act Regarding the Poverty Abatement Timeline	FAILED
LR 2709	Representative Bridgeo of Augusta An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Create Lakefront Protection Improvement Districts	FAILED
LR 2713	Senator LaFountain of Kennebec An Act to Assist Disabled Veterans in Applying for Excise Tax Exemptions	PASSED

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TAXATION		
LR 2718	Representative Ankeles of Brunswick An Act Regarding the Property Value Reassessment Process	PASSED
LR 2725	Representative Lanigan of Sanford An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax for Maine Seniors	FAILED
LR 2726	Representative Lanigan of Sanford An Act to Eliminate the Taxation on Certain Senior Housing	FAILED
LR 2728	Representative Jackson of Oxford An Act to Amend the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit	FAILED
LR 2736	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act to Support Child Care Workers by Exempting Child Care Worker Subsidies from State Income Tax	FAILED
LR 2750	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Align Maine Tax Exemption Standards for Religious Organizations with Federal Standards	FAILED
LR 2768	Representative Bridgeo of Augusta An Act Regarding Certain Disabled Veterans and the Property Tax Fairness Credit	FAILED
LR 2770	Senator Baldacci of Penobscot An Act to Refund Gasoline Taxes Paid by Nonprofit Transportation Providers	FAILED
LR 2772	Senator Rotundo of Androscoggin An Act to Accelerate the Production of Housing and Strengthen the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit	PASSED
LR 2779	Senator Black of Franklin An Act to Reestablish the Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens	FAILED
LR 2788	Representative Hepler of Woolwich An Act Regarding Excise Taxes on Antique Automobiles	FAILED
LR 2811	Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Income Tax	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2821	Senator Keim of Oxford An Act to Allow Disabled Veterans to Receive an Excise Tax Exemption Regardless of Whether They Have Disabled Veterans Registration Plates	FAILED
LR 2833	Representative Malon, II of Biddeford An Act to Allow Municipalities to Use Land Value Taxation	FAILED
LR 2842	Representative Russell of Verona Island An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief	FAILED
LR 2846	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act to Address Inflation by Eliminating the Sales Tax on Gold and Silver Coinage and Bullion, Establishing Home Energy Savings Accounts, Increasing the Personal Needs Allowance for Seniors in Residential Care and Nursing Facilities and Requesting an Audit of the Federal Reserve	FAILED
LR 2848	Representative Terry of Gorham An Act to Amend the Recapture Penalty Imposed Under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law	FAILED
LR 2852	Representative Lemelin of Chelsea An Act to Exempt Motor Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state from Excise Tax	FAILED
LR 2856	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Provide Investment Incentives to Keep the Portland Sea Dogs in the State	FAILED
LR 2859	Representative White of Waterville An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Member Organizations to Promote Career and Technical Education	FAILED
LR 2900	Representative Russell of Verona Island An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Property Tax Deferral Programs	FAILED
LR 2902	Representative Terry of Gorham An Act to Enhance the State Child Tax Credit by Establishing the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund	FAILED
LR 2909	Senator Chipman of Cumberland An Act to Establish an Employer Commuter Benefits Law	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2922	Representative Perry of Bangor An Act to Decrease Property Taxes Through the Property Tax Deferral Program and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to Municipalities	FAILED
LR 2926	Senator Guerin of Penobscot An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations with Multiple Purposes to Receive Maine Tax Benefits	FAILED
LR 2929	Senator Pierce of Cumberland An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy	PASSED
LR 2945	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals	PASSED
LR 2950	Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers	FAILED
LR 2963	Senator Tipping of Penobscot An Act to Assist Residents of the State Who Have High Rents	FAILED
TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2614	Representative Strout of Harrington Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs	FAILED
LR 2639	Representative Hepler of Woolwich Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway	FAILED
LR 2822	Senator Stewart of Aroostook An Act to Require Flame-retardant Seats on School Buses Manufactured After 2024	PASSED
LR 2824	Representative Malon, II of Biddeford Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge	FAILED
LR 2885	Representative Morris of Turner An Act to Enhance Legislative Oversight of Rules Regulating Electric Vehicles	FAILED

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TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2934	Senator Chipman of Cumberland An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Issue General Issuance License Plates	FAILED
LR 2952	Representative Greenwood of Wales An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Issue a Gadsden Flag License Plate	FAILED
LR 2954	Representative Carlow of Buxton An Act Authorizing the Secretary of State to Issue Commemorative License Plates in Honor of America's Semiquincentennial	FAILED
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2613	President Jackson of Aroostook An Act to Strengthen Maine Veterans' Homes with Increased and Ongoing Funding	FAILED
LR 2618	Representative Osher of Orono An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training Camps	PASSED
LR 2624	Representative Light Lookner of Portland An Act to Ban Paramilitary Training Camps	FAILED
LR 2626	Senator Baldacci of Penobscot An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training by Unauthorized Persons	FAILED
LR 2628	Representative Boyer, Jr. of Poland An Act to Remove the Universal Symbol Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products	FAILED
LR 2638	Senator Daughtry of Cumberland An Act to Update the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in a Municipality	FAILED
LR 2741	Senator Farrin of Somerset An Act to Provide Funding For Maine Veterans' Homes to Support Ongoing Operations	FAILED
LR 2812	Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor An Act to Prohibit Noncitizen Participation in the Cannabis Industry	FAILED

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2841	Representative Collings of Portland An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of an Off-track Betting Facility to Receive Funding When the Facility Is Sold or Relocates	PASSED
LR 2862	Representative Andrews of Paris An Act to Combat Racketeering by Foreign Organizations in Maine Cannabis Markets	PASSED
LR 2875	Representative Cloutier of Lewiston An Act to Provide Greater Parity in Campaign Financing by Including Child Care as an Allowable Expense	FAILED
LR 2877	Senator Hickman of Kennebec An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Expanding the Definition of "Lobbying" to Include Influencing the Procurement of Goods and Services and to Include Supporting or Opposing the Adoption of a Rule of a Department or Agency of the State	FAILED
LR 2903	Representative Soboleski of Phillips An Act to Provide Investigative Authority to the Maine State Police, Sheriffs and Local Police Regarding Maine's Recreational Cannabis Laws and Ordinances to Ensure Proper Enforcement	FAILED
LR 2944	Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland An Act Regarding Quality of Care for Maine's Veterans	PASSED

Total number of bills accepted: 58
Total number of bills tabled: 0
Total number of bills screened: 283

Fiscal Briefing

November 16, 2023

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2024 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
October	\$361.7	\$399.8	\$38.1	10.5%	\$426.0	-6.1%
FYTD	\$1,704.6	\$1,769.3	\$64.7	3.8%	\$1,832.5	-3.4%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$38.1 million (10.5%) for the month of October and by \$64.7 million (3.8%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2024 General Fund revenue through October was 3.4% less than FY 2023 General Fund revenue through October of 2022, largely because of the automotive sales tax transfers totaling \$107.5 million from the General Fund to the Highway Fund made in July and October pursuant to PL 2023, c. 189, Part I. Without these transfers, General Fund revenue through October would be 2.4% greater than FY 2023 revenue through October of 2022.

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$21.0 million (11.7%) for the month and over budget by \$10.8 million (1.3%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax final payments (October 16th was the deadline for 2022 extended filers) and withholding payments exceeded budget, while estimated payments were under budget for the month and the fiscal year to date. Corporate income tax revenue was \$8.5 million (85.2%) above budget for October and \$7.5 million (6.5%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for October (September sales) was 9.1 million (4.5%) above budget for the month and \$47.9 million (5.8%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Other Revenues for the fiscal year to date include the second (\$53.5 million) of two FY 2023 automotive sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund which had a cumulative \$107.5 million negative FY 2024 impact on the General Fund.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2024 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
October	\$84.1	\$86.4	\$2.3	2.7%	\$30.6	182.2%
FYTD	\$223.5	\$246.6	\$23.1	10.3%	\$121.3	103.3%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$2.3 million (2.7%) for the month of October and \$23.1 million (10.3%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2024 Highway Fund revenue through October was more than twice FY 2023 revenue through October of 2022 largely because of the sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund totaling \$107.5 million. Without these transfers, Highway Fund revenue through October would be 14.6% greater than FY 2023 revenue through October of 2022.

Fuel tax revenue was \$0.1 million (0.6%) under budget for the month of October but over budget by \$7.9 million (11.1%) for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were under budget by \$4.0 million (45.2%) for the month but over budget by \$2.2 million (6.7%) for the fiscal year to date. Other Highway Fund revenue for the fiscal year through October included the positive Highway Fund impact of the automotive sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for October was \$4,208.6 million, an increase of \$40.8 million from September's average. Increases in Highway Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds (interest accruing to the GF) and Independent Agency Funds balances were partially offset by decreases in balances in the General Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds (retaining interest) and Other State Funds. The average Highway Fund balance for October was \$82.1 million, an increase of \$39.9 million from September's balance of \$42.1 million (largely the result of the automotive sales tax transfer from the General Fund made in October).

4. Economic and Revenue Forecast - Meetings

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met on October 23rd to review and update the economic forecast for its November 1st report. The CEFC made relatively minor changes to its April 2023 forecast. Of particular note, the CEFC forecast for the growth in personal income was revised upward from 5.2% to 5.9% for calendar year 2023 but downward for calendar years 2024 through 2027 and the forecast for growth in wage and salary income, the largest component of personal income, was revised upward from 6.0% to 7.5% for calendar year 2023 but was unchanged for calendar years 2024 through 2027. The CEFC also revised its forecast for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) downward for calendar years 2023 through 2027 and made no changes in its wage and salary employment forecast.

The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will meet Tuesday, November 28th to review and update the revenue forecast for its December 1st report. The RFC will incorporate the revised CEFC forecast, updated revenue collections for FY 2024 and other updated information since its May 2023 forecast.

General Fund Revenue
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Updated 11/13/23

October 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	October '23 Budget	October '23 Actual	October '23 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax ¹	201,957,888	211,048,543	9,090,655	831,031,451	878,910,791	47,879,340	5.8%	3.6%	2,190,029,171
Service Provider Tax	4,353,243	4,575,669	222,426	17,025,922	17,855,209	829,287	4.9%	-0.5%	49,212,224
Individual Income Tax	179,782,254	200,819,122	21,036,868	799,044,613	809,807,875	10,763,262	1.3%	2.9%	2,394,473,715
Corporate Income Tax	9,925,617	18,385,611	8,459,994	114,815,689	122,275,352	7,459,663	6.5%	-6.8%	355,623,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	13,555,342	14,003,194	447,852	55,131,852	56,363,036	1,231,184	2.2%	6.4%	156,701,546
Insurance Companies Tax	9,239,091	10,409,205	1,170,114	10,769,535	11,391,964	622,429	5.8%	2.6%	114,490,000
Estate Tax	2,109,502	373,468	(1,736,034)	8,522,488	3,399,514	(5,122,974)	-60.1%	-84.1%	25,400,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	22,628,228	24,987,597	2,359,369	51,303,351	55,189,534	3,886,183	7.6%	9.4%	147,038,629
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	778,545	967,468	188,923	4,750,631	3,678,436	(1,072,195)	-22.6%	39.9%	16,293,650
Income from Investments	2,120,373	4,918,488	2,798,115	6,329,989	14,487,880	8,157,891	128.9%	202.2%	26,939,649
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,905,660	1,967,191	(2,938,469)	22,075,472	23,689,054	1,613,582	7.3%	-1.5%	65,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(229,034)	(424,425)	(195,391)	(229,034)	(3,647,768)	(3,418,734)	-1492.7%	-135.3%	(84,490,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(28,895,422)	(29,259,769)	(364,347)	(91,767,668)	(95,610,429)	(3,842,761)	-4.2%	0.9%	(252,841,376)
Other Revenue *	(60,579,168)	(63,002,611)	(2,423,443)	(124,221,348)	(128,487,800)	(4,266,452)	-3.4%	-499.0%	(93,691,677)
Totals	361,652,119	399,768,752	38,116,633	1,704,582,943	1,769,302,648	64,719,705	3.8%	-3.4%	5,110,178,531

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis sales taxes of \$2.2 million for October and \$8.2 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.2 million for October and \$5.1 million for the fiscal year to date.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2024)

Updated 11/13/23

October 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	October '23 Budget	October '23 Actual	October '23 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	12,589,369	13,365,675	776,306	12,589,369	13,365,675	776,306	6.2%	7.4%	14,881,051
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,921,145	2,361,506	(559,639)	6,152,399	5,804,082	(348,317)	-5.7%	-20.5%	21,713,714
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,424,067	1,930,379	506,312	7,585,891	7,174,215	(411,676)	-5.4%	33.7%	22,094,397
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	288,790	382,182	93,392	2,567,552	3,371,035	803,483	31.3%	-0.2%	11,413,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	79,317	79,317	0	84,984	84,984	N/A	108.1%	6,300,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,115,581	1,956,550	(159,031)	8,462,324	7,844,510	(617,814)	-7.3%	-6.3%	25,916,990
- Milk Handling Fee	148,833	214,052	65,219	426,354	656,200	229,846	53.9%	142.3%	882,965
- Racino Revenue	928,101	1,081,554	153,453	3,712,404	4,186,123	473,719	12.8%	6.9%	11,307,295
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	167,474	94,088	(73,386)	1,328,149	1,169,440	(158,709)	-11.9%	9.5%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,434,214	2,707,848	1,273,634	6,056,586	8,760,517	2,703,931	44.6%	27.4%	15,998,184
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	610,654	814,445	203,791	2,422,323	2,772,753	350,430	14.5%	9.9%	11,970,823
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	22,628,228	24,987,597	2,359,369	51,303,351	55,189,534	3,886,183	7.6%	9.4%	147,038,629
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	1,814	8,434	6,620	7,006,066	7,033,151	27,085	0.4%	35794.4%	7,028,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHIIS)	5,039	11,146	6,107	23,652	25,387	1,735	7.3%	6.3%	57,221
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,394,420	2,038,050	(356,370)	9,120,338	7,177,552	(1,942,786)	-21.3%	14.3%	26,436,801
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,200,000
- Tourism Transfer	(8,731,282)	(8,702,703)	28,579	(23,893,939)	(23,457,942)	435,997	1.8%	-27.8%	(23,893,939)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(963,378)	(361,760)	601,618	(5,170,648)	(4,750,279)	420,369	8.1%	N/A	(7,320,857)
- Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund	(4,584,476)	(4,522,124)	62,352	(15,702,880)	(15,151,926)	550,954	3.5%	18.4%	(15,702,880)
- Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	(50,006,825)	(53,454,923)	(3,448,098)	(101,861,600)	(107,527,334)	(5,665,734)	-5.6%	-479.4%	(101,861,600)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,305,520	1,981,270	675,750	6,257,663	8,163,591	1,905,928	30.5%	-10.8%	15,365,077
Subtotal - Other Revenue	(60,579,168)	(63,002,611)	(2,423,443)	(124,221,348)	(128,487,800)	(4,266,452)	-3.4%	-499.0%	(93,691,677)
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreak	0	0	0	0	424	424	N/A	-14.7%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(229,034)	(417,771)	(188,737)	(229,034)	(3,644,971)	(3,415,937)	-1491.5%	-139.9%	(17,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	(6,654)	(6,654)	0	(3,221)	(3,221)	N/A	89.6%	(67,490,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(229,034)	(424,425)	(195,391)	(229,034)	(3,647,768)	(3,418,734)	-1492.7%	-135.3%	(84,490,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,690,870	2,893,176	1,202,306	7,682,730	10,208,003	2,525,273	32.9%	54.1%	21,518,623

Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2024)

Updated 11/13/23

October 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '23 Budget	October '23 Actual	October '23 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				FY 2024 Budgeted Totals	
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance		% Change from Prior Year
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	17,986,868	15,863,726	(2,123,142)	67,408,297	71,681,207	4,272,910	6.3%	-0.3%	203,864,446
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,061,161	5,447,177	1,386,016	15,073,474	16,453,986	1,360,512	9.0%	-4.9%	49,579,729
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(2,311,924)	(1,568,565)	743,359	(9,053,440)	(6,474,200)	2,579,240	28.5%	1.3%	(25,474,293)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(449,797)	(569,389)	(119,592)	(1,685,680)	(1,965,217)	(279,537)	-16.6%	-8.9%	(5,098,038)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,286,308	19,172,949	(113,359)	71,742,651	79,675,777	7,933,126	11.1%	-1.4%	222,871,844
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,584,447	5,264,264	(320,183)	23,819,308	24,432,246	612,938	2.6%	-3.7%	69,019,954
- License Plate Fees	74,008	435,052	361,044	1,352,257	1,863,734	511,477	37.8%	22.4%	3,662,986
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	1,115,414	1,510,278	394,864	3,702,754	4,123,862	421,108	11.4%	-13.2%	14,134,523
- Title Fees	1,341,486	1,279,726	(61,760)	5,244,754	5,196,341	(48,413)	-0.9%	-7.5%	14,279,501
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	764,322	976,714	212,392	3,358,307	3,954,198	595,891	17.7%	-8.6%	9,658,098
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	(4,603,020)	(4,603,020)	(4,701,820)	(4,603,020)	98,800	2.1%	4.1%	(16,518,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,879,677	4,863,013	(4,016,664)	32,775,560	34,967,361	2,191,801	6.7%	-5.0%	94,237,008
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	265,215	33,117	(232,098)	1,060,860	556,765	(504,096)	-47.5%	36.0%	3,182,600
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	110,169	56,507	(53,662)	481,246	392,657	(88,589)	-18.4%	-33.3%	1,429,470
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	57,293	82,100	24,807	244,648	363,552	118,904	48.6%	-18.9%	606,512
Interest Earnings	40,173	122,838	82,665	291,897	370,721	78,824	27.0%	239.2%	613,276
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	50,006,825	53,456,007	3,449,182	101,861,600	107,534,228	5,672,628	5.6%	98295.8%	101,861,600
Liquor Operations Fund Transfer	5,000,000	8,364,754	3,364,754	13,000,000	21,163,538	8,163,538	62.8%	19265.0%	53,000,000
Other Highway Fund Revenue	411,402	208,257	(203,145)	2,032,091	1,596,315	(435,776)	-21.4%	-26.6%	11,911,265
Totals	84,057,062	86,359,543	2,302,481	223,490,553	246,620,915	23,130,362	10.3%	103.3%	489,713,575



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate, Chair
Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House, Vice-Chair
Members, Legislative Council

FROM: Danielle Fox, Director

DATE: November 16, 2023

RE: Update on interim studies and authorized meetings of the Joint Standing/Select
Committees

Attached is an updated report on the 15 interim studies and authorized meetings of the Joint Standing/Select Committees as of November 14, 2023. Most studies have received all membership appointments and have either begun to hold meetings or are in the process of planning their initial meeting.

The following interim studies are still pending membership appointments.

1. Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education
2. Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients
3. Bureau of Motor Vehicles Working Group to Study Potential Solutions Regarding the Cost and Access to Driver Education (staffed by Secretary of State)
4. State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force
5. Cannabis Advisory Commission
6. Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Patients (per authorizing legislation, this is a member representing Disability Rights Maine and the appointment is made Commissioner of DHHS)

There is one pending request to the Legislative Council from Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients. Pursuant to the authorizing legislation, a request has been submitted by the chairs to hold a meeting on December 1, 2023 with a majority (but not all) of appointments having been made.

I am happy to answer questions or provide additional information you may find helpful.

131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STUDIES AND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 2023
November 16, 2023 Legislative Council Meeting

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Interim Studies, Nonpartisan Staff-Assigned					
LD 915 Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services Resolve 2023, c. 98	Anna Broome Luke Lazure Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	Four meetings authorized Multi-year 1. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 2. Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m., COB Rm 209 (HHS)	11/6/2024	Sen. Duson Rep. Craven	13 Members Appointments complete
LD 937 Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine Resolve 2023, c. 93	Eli Murphy Karen Nadeau Kristin Brawn Darlene ShoresLynch Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized 1. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 202 (LBHS) 2. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 3. Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 4. Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 1:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 5.	1/15/2024	Sen. Bailey Rep. Mathieson	13 Members Appointments complete
LD 976 Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients Resolve 2023, c. 97	Elena Roig Steve Langlin Kristin Brawn Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023	Sen. Ingwersen Rep Madigan	Pending one agency appointment
LD 1264 Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education Resolve 2023, c. 102	Karen Nadeau Anne Davison Sophia Paddon Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023	Sen. Pierce Rep. Millett	17 Members Pending 2 appointments (plus 4 agency designees)
LD 1283	Steve Langlin Hillary Risler	Four meetings authorized	1/15/2024	Sen. Rafferty Rep. Murphy	20 Members Appointments complete

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Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System Resolve 2023, c. 92 010-30A-2660-03	Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	1. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 3. Thursday, November 30, 2023 @ 10:00am SH Rm 228 (AFA)			
LD 1597 Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission Resolve 2023, c. 95	Rachel Olson Eli Murphy Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	Four meetings authorized Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 12:00pm SH Rm 437 (VLA)	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	President Jackson Rep. Russell	Appointments complete
LD 1622 Criminal Records Review Committee Resolve 2023, c. 103	Joseph Greene Anna Broome Darlene ShoresLynch Tanya Condon	Four meetings authorized Multi-year 1. Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA)	<i>Interim</i> 12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i> Final 11/6/2024	Sen. Bailey Speaker Talbot Ross	29 Members Appointments complete
LD 1701 Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State Resolve 2023, c. 99	Dan Tartakoff Joseph Greene Sophia Paddon Darlene ShoresLynch Eve Poplawski	Six meetings authorized 1. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 127 (TAX) 2. Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 127 (TAX) 3. Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 4. Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	Sen. Curry Speaker Talbot Ross	17 members Appointments complete
LD 1722 Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities Resolve 2023, c. 100	Sam Senft Anne Davison Kristin Brawn Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized 1. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	Sen. Rotundo Rep. Graham	15 members Appointments complete

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		3. Monday, November 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH 228 (AFA) 4. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH 228 (AFA)			<i>Outside funding received and accepted</i>
LD 1795 Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients P.L. 2023, c. 410	Colleen McCarthyReid Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023 <i>(request to meet pending)</i>	Sen. Bailey Rep. Arford	10 Members Pending 3 appointments (plus 2 agency designees)
LD 1799 Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care Education P.L. 2023, c. 477	Hillary Risler Elena Roig Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	Four meetings authorized 1. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 2. Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 3. Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 4. Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @12:00pm, COB Rm 208 (EDU)	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	Sen. Vitelli Rep. Hasenfus	Appointments complete
Ongoing statutory studies					
Right to Know (Advisory Committee) T 1 §411	Lindsay Laxon Janet Stocco Colleen McCarthyReid Anne Davison Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	1. Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 4. Monday, November 6, 2023 @9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 5. Monday, December 4, 2023 @1:00pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) SUBCOMMITTEES 6. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 9:30 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 7. (Public Records Exceptions)	Annually	Rep. Sheehan	18 Members Pending 1 appointment (vacancy as a result of death of a member)

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		<p>8. Monday, October 23, 2023 at 11:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) (Public Records Process)</p> <p>9. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 3:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Law Enforcement</p> <p>10. Thursday, November 9, 2023@1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Public Records Exceptions</p> <p>11. Thursday, November 9, 2023@1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Law Enforcement</p>			
Cannabis Advisory Commission T 28-B c. 1 sub c. 9	Lynne Caswell Dan Tartakoff Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	TBD	Annually	Sen. Hickman Rep. Supica	27 Members Pending 10 appointments (plus agency designees)
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force T 20-A §12901	TBD	No more than 4	Annually Nov 1st	Sen. Rafferty Rep. Gere	15 Members Pending 4 appointments

Other Legislative Council-approved studies (staffed by department/agency)					
LD 1200 Bureau of Motor Vehicles Working Group Study Potential Solutions Regarding the Cost of and Access to Driver Education for Underserved Populations and Low-income Families Resolve 2023, c. 94	Secretary of State	Four meetings authorized	2/1/2024	Sen. Nangle	11 Members Pending 9 appointments plus agency designee

**131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE/FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Interim meetings of Joint Standing/Select Committees and subcommittees			
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Karen Nadeau		
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Maureen Dawson	Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 9:30am, SH Rm 228	Authorized to meet monthly by statute
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Joseph Greene Sophia Paddon	Four authorized meetings	
Education and Cultural Affairs	Hillary Risler Elena Roig	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 2. Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 3. Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) CANCELLED 4. Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 	4 authorized
Environment and Natural Resources	Daniel Tartakoff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm. 216 (ENR) 2. Monday October 16, 2023 CANCELLED 3. Monday, November 13, 2023 	4 authorized
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Lindsay Laxon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT) 2. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT) 3. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT) 	4 authorized
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome Sam Senft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday, September 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 2. Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 3. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 4. Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 	4 authorized
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthyReid		

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Housing	Danielle Fox Karen Nadeau Steve Langlin	1. Tuesday, September 19, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 2. Tuesday, October 3, 2023@9:00am, MSHA offices 3. Tuesday, October 17, 2023@10:00am, Univ. Maine and Bangor 4. Tuesday, October 31, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 5. Tuesday, November 14, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 6. Tuesday, November 28, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 7. Tuesday, December 5, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216	7 authorized (including 2 off-site)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Anne Davison		
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business	Sophia Paddon	Thursday, September 21, 2023@9:00 am, COB Rm 206 (IDEA)	1 authorized
Judiciary	Janet Stocco (subcommittee assistance from Anna Broome)	1. Monday, September 25, 2023@Noon, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 2. Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 3. Wednesday, November 8, 2023@ 10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) <u>Subcommittee Meetings</u> 1. Thursday, October 19, 2023@10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 2. Thursday, December 7, 2023@10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD)	6 authorized Plus 3 subcommittee meetings approved
Labor and Housing	Steven Langlin		
Marine Resources	Elena Roig		
State and Local Government	Lynne Caswell	Thursday, November 16, 2023 @9:30 am, CSOB Rm 214 (SLG)	Three authorized meetings
Taxation	Julie Jones	Thursday, November 9, 2023@10:00, SH Rm 127 (TAX)	
Transportation	Julia MacDonald		
Veteran and Legal Affairs	Rachel Olson Lynne Caswell (subcommittee assistance from Anne Davison)	1. Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH, Rm 437 (VLA) 2. Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 437 (VLA) Subcommittee Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act 3. Tuesday November 14 th , 2023 @9:30am SH Rm 437 - Subcommittee	6 authorized – including subcommittee

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
November 9th, 2023 Council Meeting**

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross
Date: November 7th, 2023
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

Motion: That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross
Date: November 13th, 2023
Vote: 7-0-3-0 Passed

Motion: That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care Education

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross
Date: November 7th, 2023
Vote: 7-0-3-0 Passed

Motion: That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Criminal Records Review Committee.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross
Date: November 2nd, 2023
Vote: 7-0-3-0 Passed

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

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October 31, 2023

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State of Maine Legislative Council
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Dear Ms. Gresser:

Pursuant to "Section 13080-L Annual Report" of the Loring Development Authority of Maine's (LDA) enabling legislation, please find enclosed a report of the activities of the LDA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The report includes a summary of the LDA's development activities and audited financial statements for FY23. Subsequent events through October 15, 2023 and proposed activities for FY24 are also reported.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,



Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

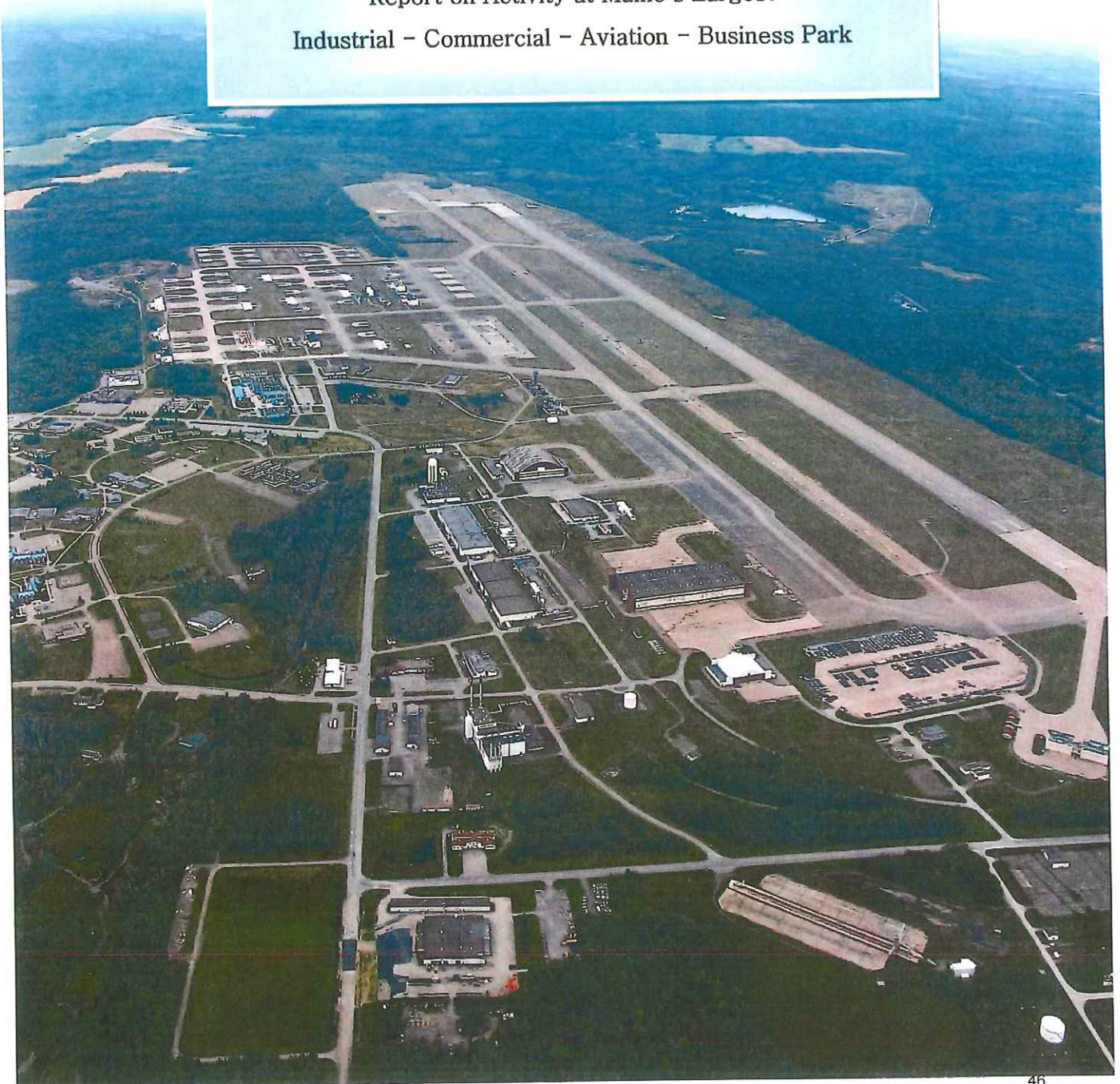
Enclosure

cc: Senator Chip Curry - Chair
Representative Tiffany Roberts - Chair
Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Report on Activity at Maine's Largest
Industrial - Commercial - Aviation - Business Park



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Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

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PARAGRAPH 1A: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS

Loring Development Authority (LDA) is responsible for the redevelopment of the properties of the state's largest industrial park, Loring Commerce Centre, formerly Loring Air Force Base, in support of new job creation and new economic activity. LDA manages the 3,700-acre business-commercial and industrial park including a 1,600-acre aviation complex; serves as landlord to leasehold businesses and supplies municipal-type services to residents and businesses that collectively employ approximately 750 people and occupy 1 million square feet of space in numerous major buildings. LDA operates a water treatment plant, water distribution system, and a wastewater collection system; maintains and plows 26 miles of roadways; performs grounds maintenance on hundreds of acres of developed and developable property; and through arrangements with the Town of Limestone and others, secures fire, ambulance, and law enforcement services and contracts for wastewater treatment. The LDA works with prospective businesses to develop opportunities to reuse additional facilities and properties, create additional employment and economic activity both at Loring and in the broader region.

Businesses at Loring represent industrial, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, energy, telecommunications, commercial, back-office, education, recreation, conservation and aviation sectors. A profile of the employers at Loring, included at the end of this report, illustrates the significant level and diversity of economic activity generated by the reuse of facilities at Loring Commerce Centre.

Legislative Council Meeting
November 16, 2023

Deciding Appeals of Legislative Bill Requests Turned Down By the Council

Requirements Relevant to Bills in the Second Regular Session

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited** to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the 131st Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, any action of the Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 131st Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Suggested Protocol for Deciding Appeals

- A. The Legislative Council will review appeals in alphabetical order by Sponsor.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (A vote of "yes" is to let in the bill; a vote of "no" is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative appeals in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be posted on the Legislative Council's website as soon as practicable following the meeting.
- D. A Legislator who has filed a timely appeal of the decision of the Legislative Council to reject a bill request sponsored by that Legislator will be given a brief opportunity to orally present their appeal to the Council. A time limit of 2 minutes will be observed for Legislators making an appeal. Only by leave of the Chair of the Legislative Council may a person who is not the Legislator sponsoring the request address the Council.
- E. Discussion of a bill request will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself. If a bill was turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish the Sponsor's bill request from the closely related one.